

Editorial

'The REFECTORY'

Although the events of the past week are now somewhat stale news, the outcome of the resulting negotiations and attempts at improvement in the Refectory remain of prime importance, and we have therefore considered it appropriate, that as the official publication of the Union, we should endeavour to present as concise an account as possible of the Student view in this matter, and to offer some suggestions on future policy. A delegation has been appointed by the S.C. and the Union, and a request has been made to the Halls and Refectory Committee to meet it to-day; we have no doubt that a very adequate statement on the situation will result from this meeting. The delegation has certainly gone to considerable trouble to discern the wishes of the majority of students.

In the first place we feel it our duty to represent quite plainly the motives of the majority of those who participated in last Wednesday's "strike." This was primarily a dissatisfaction with the quality of the food, and although everyone will recognise that conditions in Refectory must render it extremely difficult to serve a really appetising meal, there can be no excuse for aggravating the situation by the provision of food of inferior quality.

However, it is obvious that the ultimate solution of the problem lies in the provision of new accommodation in place of what must be one of the worst Refectory buildings in the country, and if the events of Wednesday should succeed in speeding up the new building scheme, then that may be regarded as the best and most permanent achievement of the "strike."

In this matter the Principal has said that the College Authorities are not to blame. Whatever the implications or issues involved we feel that the Union should have some official pronouncement upon the cause of the delay.

The immediate question still remains to decide how the quality of the food can be improved and what measures are to be adopted for next year. Before any definite standard of quality can be laid down by the delegation, or subsequently by the Students' Council, an indication of the financial situation should be made. This is surely the key to the whole matter.

What proportion of the 10d., the alleged cost of the meal, is devoted to overhead charges? It seems to be generally felt that the lunch provided was certainly not worth 10d., and it is stated that a far better lunch can be obtained for a 1/- at a restaurant, where profits are admitted and overhead costs considerable.

If 10d. is not sufficient to enable the Refectory to produce an adequate lunch, then a larger sum should be allotted. If necessary, this should surely be possible from our residence fee of £2 10s. a week.

It has been suggested that the alternative to lunch in Refectory is lunch in Hall. This would be a dangerous precedent and has obvious disadvantages from the student point of view. Perhaps the best scheme is to make a rebate of 10d. to each resident student and run the Refectory as a cafeteria so that the purchase of the lunch is optional. Students could indicate beforehand whether they intended to take lunch at College or not.

Suggestions for the improvement of quality are too numerous to give here but it appears to meet with general approval that raw fruit should be provided more frequently in the second course.

Finally, it is of vital importance that anyone who has ideas to offer for the improvement of the lunch or who wishes to cite instances of inferior food should in future submit them, in the first instance, to the Students' Council, so that the official representative body can work effectively to secure necessary student reforms. If all those people who became so spontaneously active last Wednesday would maintain throughout the year a live interest in Union affairs, a far greater measure of reform would have been achieved in the past. We will not pursue this theme any further for the subject of student apathy is becoming a little wearisome, but it is significant that last Thursday's Extraordinary Meeting of the Union was the best attended within the memory of most students.

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Editorial.

NOTES.

As a full editorial statement upon The Refectory appears on page 1, we consider our duty in the matter of editorials to be complete, and we have accordingly relieved the monotony of this column and committed the grave sin of violating tradition.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a packet of potato crisps from a sympathetic subscriber in Wiltshire who had seen the account of the Refectory strike in *The Times*.

We regret our inability to print an account of the N.U.S. Congress at Nottingham during the Easter Vacation. It is obviously impossible to publish anything in the nature of a comprehensive report in *Wessex News*, but the S.C. have asked the N.U.S. to publish a Congress Supplement in the next issue of *The New University*, and Miss Comben, who was our delegate at the Congress, has written a full report which is available in the S.C. Office.

The Students' Council are considering the possibility of designing a Union blazer if it meets with general approval. Ideas for the design of this are invited and should be submitted to a member of the Sub-committee, viz.:—Miss J. Barker, and Messrs. Moore and Taylor.

Correspondence

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

A correspondent in your last issue signed himself PERPLEXED; with greater accuracy he could have signed himself CONFUSED, because he has so little knowledge of the issues at stake. I do not mean by this that we object to our pamphlet being criticised; actually we welcome this discussion.

To put our position briefly; we do not see a solution for the problem of peace and war in the negative attitude of the absolute rejection of the use of force. This simplifies the problem too much. We believe that peace can be secured only through the united action of those nations which have an active desire for peace; not first of all in collective action against an aggressor, but in pacts of mutual assistance within the League, as a deterrent against a possible aggressor. There has been no greater factor for Peace in Central Europe than the Franco-Czech and Soviet-Czech pacts. Now both Republican Spain and China have clear claims for assistance from League members against the nations who are invading them. Actually these are not being hindered at all: we do not ask Britain and France to intervene in Spain, but to give the Spanish Government its legal right to buy arms. Unless aggression can be stopped in these countries we see no future for world peace. Denying the Spanish government arms while Germany and Italy are pouring arms and men in to Franco is not calculated to stop aggression. As a pretext for localising the wars, the British government is letting the aggressors strengthen themselves for new action—what Mussolini calls "the Third Campaign."

Two statements in the letter bring to a focus the confusion of the writer's mind. (1) No statement in our leaflet "cites certain countries as potential enemies"—it states what countries are at the moment carrying out policies of aggression (which no one denies) and says

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To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

I understand from the Librarian that pretty full use has been made of the Carnegie International Relations Club books. As you know, the Endowment of the Club are quite willing to allow anyone the use of these books in the Library, but they may be taken out only by members of the Club. This is a rule of the Endowment which gives the books.

It seems clear that a number of books have gone out unrecorded, and I shall be very glad if all members who have been doing this will restore them to the Library at once. Anyone may become a member of the Club on the payment of 1/- The money can be paid to Miss Henderson or to myself, and a membership card, entitling the holder to borrow the books, will be given to them.

Yours sincerely,

P. FORD.

"Who is this man Blowbroth."

Professor
George Leake

There are still many members of staff who remember Professor Leake who died on May 8th, 1928. As the measurable period of ten years has elapsed since then, it might be fitting to recall his memory and the great work he did for the music of the College and the town in general.

His name is still inseparably associated with the music of St. Mary's and St. Mark's Churches, the Southampton Philharmonic Society, and the Southampton Musical Festival.

To present day students his name is probably unknown, but old Hartleians invariably refer to him at Reunion.

His portrait, presented by his widow, hangs in the Music Studio, and is a perpetual reminder to me of one who set a glorious example of thoroughness in and devotion to all that he undertook for the appreciation of music in general, for which many are everlastingly grateful—I not least.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

Peace and
Social Justice!

The British Youth Peace Assembly had its beginnings some three years ago. Its aim is to link up all shades of youthful opinion in the country in pursuit of a congenial standard in world and national conditions for young people. Believing in Peace as a necessary foundation for happiness throughout the world, believing in the unity of mankind, believing in democracy as a great safeguard, believing in the elimination of profit-making from traffic in armaments, and rejecting the fatalistic outlook which proclaims that war is inevitable, we look to Britain to stand forth as a leader among the nations by a steadfast policy of peace and justice. The N.U.S., the S.C.M., the Labour League of Youth, are but three of the important affiliated movements which number no less than twenty-six, representing the most varied religious and political beliefs.

The B.Y.P.A., in denouncing war as an instrument of national policy, demands the furtherance of international co-operation on an organised basis through a League of Nations open on equal terms to all countries who have given a practical demonstration of the same desire to outlaw war. The speeding up of the applications of the Covenant in the settlement of disputes, the organising of an overwhelming force against aggression and an all-round reduction in armaments by international agreement, these are the minimum terms necessary to build up the peace of the world.

At home, Youth is pressing for Social Justice through the medium of the Youth Charter, whose main demands include a 40-hour week, the provision of public playing fields, the abolition of the Unemployment Assistance Board and the setting-up of a "wage-for-age" scale.

Peace and Social Justice—this is what youth calls for and the B.Y.P.A. offers an open forum where all young people may discuss the realization of this democratic programme.

E. EDWARDS,
Hon. Sec. U.C.S., Y.P.C.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS
WITH AMERICA.

Arrangements are being made for the exchange of a student for the Session 1938-39, with the University of Indiana by which the student selected by the College will receive free residence and tuition, and special arrangements will be made for cheap travel.

It is estimated that the total cost to the student should not exceed £75, and the College authorities will be prepared to make a grant towards this, of amount depending on the student's financial circumstances.

Applications should be made to the Registrar not later than Saturday, May 21st.

ALL WELCOME—
(AND YOU IN PARTICULAR)
IN THE MUSIC STUDIO,
THURSDAY at 1.20

RELIGION—DYNAMIC
OR DELUSION?

SPEAKER—
REV. HUGH EVAN HOPKINS

C.U.

C.U.

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.

2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.

3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print Society reports unless they have genuine news value.

ATHLETIC UNION

U.C.S. 51. B.U. 34. U.C.E. 31.

On Wednesday last, the Athletic Club started what looks like being a very good season by defeating Exeter and Bristol very handsomely. The meeting produced some good results, among the best being Pirrie's 2min. 5½ secs. for the 880 yards, and Skeet's 20' 7" in the long jump. Both Pirrie and Thornhill, who was second in the long jump with 20' 6", are very promising freshmen.

Coll. won 6 events in 13, the scoring being, U.C.S. 51 pts., Bristol 34, Exeter 31.

The Club has a very good track team, and a useful field events team, which will improve as the season advances. A notable feature is the strength of the second strings. All round, the team is the best for many years, and should acquit itself well.

U.C.S. 55. R.N. & R.M. 69.

On Saturday, the Club lost the match with the Navy by 55 points to 69. The track team was again good, and the field events team was only defeated by older and stronger men.

Congratulations to Mossman who will probably be accompanying Wallace in the Hants County team for the Inter-County Championships at White City.

SWIMMING CLUB.

The Men's Swimming Club had its first fixture of the season at Reading on Saturday, May 7th, and were fortunate enough to win by the small margin of one point on the method of scoring agreed upon. As regards events, however, each side won three; Reading won the 50 yards free, 25 yards back, and the Free Style Relay, while Southampton were victorious in the 50 yards Breast, Medley Relay, and the Diving. Perhaps a fairer estimate of the result would have been a draw.

We had a definite superiority in the Diving, when Cowling and Edwardson once again showed how easy it is to enter the water from a height "H" without causing much more than a ripple.

Unfortunately Reading could not provide a polo Team but they hope to bring one to Southampton on May 28th, and a good match should result.

We regret to say that Goldsmith's found it impossible to visit us on the 14th owing to some of their swimmers being engaged in the U.A.U. championships at Rotherham and others in their College Rag.

May we once again sound the old, old cry:

WE WANT MORE SWIMMERS

Ed. J. S.

MEN'S TENNIS.

The first match against the Staff resulted in a win for College by 10 games to 2. A cold wind perceptibly increased the keenness

of the players but damped the ardour of the spectators. Five of the games went to three sets, and considering that this was the first game of the season for some members of the Staff, the result was by no means so decisive as it appears.

The two matches against Bellemoor H.C.T.C. gave members of the team some excellent practice in the art of placing a ball, the fruits of which we hope to see next Wednesday at Bristol.

U.C.S. v. Bellemoor H.C.T.C. (1—8 at home.)

U.C.S. v. Bellemoor H.C.T.C. (2—6 away.)

U.C.S. v. Arcadian Spartans. (6—3 at home.)

2nd Team Results.

U.C.S. 4. Calshot R.A.F. 5.

U.C.S. 6. Swaythling L.T.C. 6.

U.C.S. 0. Civil Service T.C. 9.

Cricket Club Results.

U.C.S. 62-7 (Finn 21 not out)

Southampton Police 169 (Draw)

U.C.S. 2nd XI. 89-8 (White 36).

Y.M.C.A. 53 (Counsell 6 for 2)

Won by 5 wickets.

U.C.S. 156. Reading U. 240.

A.U. COMMITTEE MEETING.

Saturday, May 7th, 1938.

1. Extra grant of £5 to Boat Club for Head of the River expenses made.

2. Captain of Boxing to inspect boxing ring offered to College by Southampton unemployed.

3. Application of Old Hartleys for use of tennis courts in term-time not granted. Suggested use of courts during vacations referred to the captains of tennis.

4. Recommendation accepted to approach Bastick's in order to obtain

(a) lowest price of remaining old Colours Blazers.

(b) possibility of making the material into scarves.

5. Decided to oppose the application of London University for entry, *in toto*, into the Southern division of the U.A.U. championship.

6. Decided to ascertain from the constituent clubs whether a scarf, or some other kind of token of award for enthusiasm, etc., be more desirable.

7. Agreed to offer use of cricket pitch to St. Nicholas School in the Long Vacation only.

8. Application of O.S.O. to hold their Sports Day on Montefiore ground on July 9th, granted.

9. Application of Women's Civil Service provisionally granted for the Long Vacation.

10. The case of students at the School of Navigation for admission to the Athletic Union was referred back.

11. Agreed to accede to the application of the Cricket Club to purchase a supply of cocoa-nut matting.

12. Agreed to pay the groundsman for wood used for reconstruction of Cricket screens.

L. H. M.

Inauguration of the Physics Building

On Wednesday, May 25th, Sir William Bragg is coming to inaugurate the new Physics Building by a lecture on "Physics and Modern Life." Physics masters and mistresses from the schools in our area have been invited to this, and so flattering is the number of acceptances that there will be room for representatives only, of the Council, Senior and Junior Common Rooms of the College. I want, therefore, to apologise beforehand to all those members of College who would have liked to hear Sir William and for whom there will not be room. Arrangements are being made to accommodate about 60 more people in the small lecture theatre to which the speech will be relayed.

On Friday, May 27th, from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., the building will be on view to students and their friends, and to interested members of the public.

A. C. MENZIES.

Brevities

On the Banks of the Itchen: *H-tchw-ll.* "Watch the time. . . ! Still Snail Voice." "Quarter-past-eight."

Can any student of the Classics inform us what the plural of *Aeneas* is?

Last week appears to have provided two major sensations. Although it did not get into the London Press we hear that considerable surprise was caused by the appearance of a High by the appearance of a P.T. Contact Union Official at P.T. Contact on Thursday. We consider that he has weakened his position by officially recognising that Contact exists.

It is reported that one of the College office employees had not heard that there had been a strike on Wednesday. She also did not know there was an Empire Exhibition in Glasgow.

Election Results

We offer our congratulations to the following who were elected as the Faculty Representatives on the Students' Council next Session:

Arts.

Miss J. Oliver.

L. M. Wallace.

A. R. Wife (*Chairman of Faculty.*)

J. E. Counsell.

Science.

Miss D. A. Dade.

S. A. Griffiths.

T. J. Kingman (*Chairman.*)

Economics.

T. S. Griffiths (*Chairman.*)

Engineering.

I. Newton-Smith (*Chairman.*)

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that only by collective action can the peace-loving powers check this aggression. (2) There is no connection between war-breathing Bishops who go around consecrating colours and the Christian who believes, with us, that Peace can be assured by joint action on the part of Peaceful powers.

We are the last to forget that "a state is composed of individuals." All the rulers of the Fascist States can give their subjects is success in their aggressive foreign policy; whatever they think they must tighten their belts and not grumble. When we stop their facile successes, the dictatorship will crumble, because the rule solves none of the internal problems in those countries. Our Government knows and fears this; better for them a Fascist government in Germany, Spain and Italy, than a People's government.

In this country the best thing we think can be done, is for all who agree on the general lines of this policy of collective security to unite; to unite that is in a Progressive Peace Alliance to defeat the National Government.

Yours truly,

ALAN H. M. SMITH.

Inter Collegiate Dance

SATURDAY, 28th MAY,

CONNAUGHT HALL,

7.0—11.30

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“Grub”

The apathy at U.C.S.
Has often caused us much
distress.
Nothing would urge some students
here,
On to the field to play or
cheer—
Nothing make them look on
work,
As anything, but that to shirk—
Nothing give their languid souls
The impetus for noble goals—
Nothing but Grub!

I recently visited that capital
of culture, mathematical metropo-
lis, and the very source of
Science—University College,
Southampton.

I expected to find there that
lust for learning which inspires
the greatness of such famous
institutions. The least of my
expectations was to discern the
enthusiasm for sport, which
characterises this present
generation.

I was disappointed. I found
the learned students more thrilled
by sausages than science—more
interested in cabbages than kings.

I should have expected that
one tabloid of concentrated
nourishment per day, containing
vitamins A, B, C—n, would
suffice men and women of philo-
sophic tendencies, leaving more
time for the serious quest for
knowledge. This was not so,
and I was informed that mental
achievements are not possible
without the correct food for
thought. This, the students
were not getting, and the prompt-
ings of two hundred suffering
stomachs, succeeded where
lecturers and officials had failed,
and roused the scholars of Wessex
to a common enthusiasm.

Some pleasures lie in corporal
strains.
Or exercise of active brains,
But so long as man has breadth
and height,
His grub will give him most
delight!

To eat's to live for a' that,
For a' that, for a' that.
(Apologies to Robbie Burns.)

X. Y.

THE GRADUAND REFUSES TO BE CONSOLED.

I don't want good society,
I don't want human company:
I want to walk about alone
And masochistically moan
And see things go from bad to
worse
And answer only with a curse.

“WEST SAXON” CROSSWORD.

The first correct solution
opened by the judges on Tuesday
was that of H. R. DOWNER,
4, Radway Road,
Southampton,
who has duly been awarded the
prize of ten shillings. He plans
to go to America.

Hut 20

If such there breathe, go, mark
him well
No hot-pot him hath sent to Hell.

Somewhere down in Wythling
By the Nine Gods they swore
That the Great Hall of Connaught
Should suffer wrong no more.
By the Nine Gods they swore it
And named a trysting day
And bade their messengers go
forth
To summon noble Stoneham's
wrath
To fight without delay.

Alas! no lurch to-day!
Did this a man dismay?
No, since each student knew
No one had blundered:
Their's was to make reply,
Their's was to reason why,
Their's not to eat and die:
Into the valley of Death
Went no two hundred.

Scraps

Prologue.

O pray do not cry
Or curse on the sly
When cold bronto-saurus
Is served up as Taurus!
O blame not the Lady
—“*His others* are shady . . .
What is the mystery
Of “Hut 20 dysentery.”

The piles of Grease, the piles of
Grease,
Whose praises no man e'er
hath sung,
Which cause the darts of strange
disease,
From which each vitamin is
wrong!
Eternallander greet them yet,
But will the Student's wants be
met?

Breathes there the man who's so
well fed,
That never to himself hath said,
“My God, My God, my belly
band!
Whose heart hath ne'er within
him burned
As he his feet to Hall hath turned
Though in the morning he felt
grand.

LINES WRITTEN AFTER HEARING THE LECTURE INAUGURAL TO THE CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY.

I've always heard that Science can
Be helpful to the Common Man.
Now the New Chemistry, I find,
Certainly does enlarge the mind.
When I get tight and break the
rules,
I'm acting like the Molecules.
When, at a dance, by lucky hap
My partner fair sits on my lap,
You must not frown or cry “for
shame”;
Molecules often do the same.
X.Y.Z.

WESSEX, 1938.

The 1938 number of WESSEX,
the Annual Magazine of the
College will be on sale this week.
This number is a Special Tenth
Anniversary Number, and its
chief feature is a survey of the
last ten years at University
College with a Fore-Word by
Dr. S. Gurney Dixon, Chairman
of the College Council. The
frontispiece is a photograph of
the Edward Turner Sims Library.
There are many other contribu-
tions in prose and verse. The
WESSEX PORTRAIT
GALLERY Y series continues
with an amusing caricature of the
Vice-Principal. Professor Menzies
describes the New Physics Block,
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Calendar

Tuesday, May 17th.
1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club.
Music Studio.
5.15 p.m. Choral Society
Music Studio.

Thursday, May 19th.
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.
Music Studio. “Religion—
Dynamic or Delusion?”
5-7 p.m. Foreign Students
Squash. W.C.R.

Friday, May 20th.
5.30 p.m. English Association
Meeting at South Stoneham
House, by generous invitation
of the Warden. Discussion to
be opened by Mr. P. Gurrey,
B.A., Ph.D., of the Institute
of Education in the University
of London:
“Problems Facing the Teacher
of English.”
Mr. F. L. Freeman, M.A.,
Secretary to the Southampton
Education Committee, in the
Chair.

Sunday, May 22nd.
9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service
at St. Mary's, South Stoneham.
Preacher: Mr. A. E. Chapman,
M.A., Headmaster of the
Farnborough Grammar School.

Monday, May 23rd.
1.20 p.m. Anglican Society.
Annual General Meeting.
Room 3.
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.
Room 35.
1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club.
Music Studio.
7.30 p.m. Engineering Society.

Tuesday, May 24th.
5.15 p.m. Choral Society.
Music Studio.

Thursday, May 26th.
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.
Room 35.
1.20 p.m. Choir Practice.
Music Studio.

Saturday, May 28th.
10 a.m. English Association
Meeting. Excursion to
Salisbury Cathedral and
Bemerton Old Church and
Rectory. Address by the
Reverend Canon C. T. Dimont,
M.A., D.D., Chancellor of the
Cathedral:
“Introducing the Treasures
of Salisbury Cathedral
Library.”

Sunday, May 29th.
9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at
St. Mary's, South Stoneham.
Preacher: The Rev. H. M.
Brownlow, B.Sc., of Bourne-
mouth and formerly of
University College, South-
ampton.

Monday, May 30th.
1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club.
Music Studio.
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.
Room 35.

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